



How to become a Voting Member

Scope

Admission of Voting Members is governed by Article II, Section II and IX of the Folsom Shooting Club Bylaws. This document is written based on the April 2013 revision.

Rationale

The process to become a Voting Member is intended to identify Nonvoting Members who wish to take the next step in Folsom Shooting Club membership. The process helps to gauge the commitment of prospective members and help ingrain a sense of ownership and pride in the Club. It also serves to increase the participation in the Club of Voting Members and prospective members alike.

Procedure

Governing Rules

Per the Bylaws, an applicant for Voting Membership must have the following qualifications:

- 2.2.1.1. Is a member of good standing in the National Rifle Association.*
- 2.2.1.2. Has paid the application fee prescribed by the Board of Directors.*
- 2.2.1.3. Whose membership application has been signed by a sponsoring Member of the FSC in good standing. The Membership Committee is authorized to approve applications.*
- 2.2.1.4 Is legally able to possess firearms.*
- 2.2.1.5 Has completed at least 2 years as a Non-Voting Member while maintaining eligibility for Working Membership.*
- 2.2.1.6 Has completed 1 year probationary period as a Voting Member during which time will have also attended, with sponsoring member, at least 50% of the Board of Directors meetings and a full range orientation.*

Narrative

Nonvoting Members must first complete two consecutive years that qualify for Working Membership immediately prior to applying for Voting Membership.

The applicant must complete the Application for Voting Membership form and have it signed by a current Voting Member. The applicant and sponsor must bring the completed application and documentation of volunteer time to the Director of Membership between the months of October and April. The Director will take the application, verify the volunteer time and accept the application fee. The applicant must identify him/herself during the Membership Forum and declare his/her intent to become a Voting Member. The Secretary shall record same in the official minutes of the meeting. This secures the position of the Nonvoting Member in the queue.

Note that the applicant must still retain Working Member status while waiting for admission. Payment of the application fee is not a guarantee of acceptance and is non-refundable.

The Membership Committee will determine the number of Voting Members exist on the first of February. If the number of Voting Members is less than the cap established in the Bylaws, currently 1911, the Committee will evaluate applicants in order of receipt up to the Voting Member limit.

The Committee will notify the applicant of the disposition of his or her application. The Board of Directors will evaluate the recommendation of the Membership Committee. The Board of Directors will determine the status of the applicant. If the applicant is accepted, a one year probationary period will commence. The applicant and the sponsor must now attend a minimum of 6 Board of Director meetings for the next year. The applicant and sponsor must also attend a full range orientation. Currently this involves attending shotgun range, action pistol, steel silhouette, range 12 (1k yard range) and Cowboy Town orientations. The applicant must continue to qualify for Working Membership.

If the Membership Committee recommends an applicant not become a Voting Member the applicant may address the Board and contest the recommendation. The Board has final authority in admitting new members. Once the Board has moved there is no appeal process, all decisions are final.

At the conclusion of the probationary period the applicant and sponsor will report to the Director of Membership and provide documentation of successful completion of volunteer hours, meeting and orientation attendance. At the end of the probationary year the Membership Committee will evaluate documentation to verify that the probationary member and his/her sponsor have completed the necessary tasks. If all tasks are completed the Membership Committee will report that to the Board. If not complete the probationary member will have the opportunity to complete the requirements before the Committee adjourns for the year or withdraw and remain a Nonvoting Member. The applicant will go to the end of the queue and commence the application process as if they never applied.